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## Demand By Arabs Cessation Of Immigration

Jerusalem, Feb. 27.  
The Palestine Arab Higher Committee to-day demanded that the British Government stop Jewish immigration into Palestine completely.

In a statement replying to Mr. Bevin's House of Commons statement on Palestine the Committee said: "Continued Jewish immigration—despite all proofs that immigration fundamentally affects the Arab position not only in Palestine but also in other Arab countries—is causing us grave anxiety."

"Palestine Arabs hope they will win a just and sympathetic hearing when their case is brought before the United Nations and that the United Nations will admit their legitimate right to freedom and independence and enable them to ward off the evil resulting from the Anglo-Zionist conspiracy."—Reuter.

### SHIP INTERCEPTED

Jerusalem, Feb. 28.  
A government source said that British destroyers intercepted another ship carrying Jews attempting to enter Palestine illegally. Jewish sources said the ship was the Haim Hissroff. They said she was carrying 1,350 displaced persons from Europe.

On the political scene an Arab informant said British instructed officials in the Palestine mandate government to sound out Arab reaction in the event the United Nations inform the United Nations the willingness to evacuate the Holy Land. Many Arabs fear if the British withdraw, the Zionists would be able to bring hundreds of thousands of Jewish settlers to the sparsely settled areas.—Associated Press.

### MARSHALL'S SUGGESTION

Washington, Feb. 27.  
The Secretary of State, General George Marshall, has suggested to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the exploration of the possibility that the United Nations consider the Palestine problem before the next scheduled meeting of the General Assembly in September, the State Department said to-day.

Shortly after Britain had submitted a memorandum to the United States on handing the Palestine question to the United Nations, General Marshall asked if the British could not explore the ways and means of having the question considered before September. No formal reply has been received from London, the State Department spokesman said. It is believed that General Marshall raised other points for clarification, but the spokesman made no mention of these points.—Reuter.

### INTERIM ADMINISTRATION

London, Feb. 27.  
The only further diplomatic contacts likely to be initiated by Britain with the Jews and Arabs of Palestine before the whole problem of the country's future is brought before the United Nations will relate to the interim administration of the country, it is believed from a reliable source in London to-day, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The issue on which further contact clearly will be necessary is the Jewish Agency move for an increase in the monthly immigration quota in the meantime.

This matter in which the Arabs are also keenly interested and while the final decision on this question will have to be taken at cabinet level, well-informed quarters here believe that Britain will agree to raise "above the present monthly level for 1,500."—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Time For A Statement

It has been announced that the Governor will surrender his office in Hongkong before the middle of May. It is to be presumed that before he leaves on meritorious retirement, he will give the public latest information on the subject of the revised constitution. The last official declaration came from Sir Mark in August, 1946—six months ago—when he broadcast through ZBW both a comprehensive review of the suggestions he had received from public bodies and individuals, and also hinted what he proposed to recommend to Whitehall as a constituent basis for governmental reform. The public is well aware that this is a project of such magnitude that hasty decisions are neither desirable nor expected. On the other hand, the public also recalls government's assurances that it would be kept constantly and fully informed on developments. After a six months' interval, the moment seems ideal for further enlightenment.

It is not proposed, here, to go into the intricate details of what might be the best type of constitutional reform that has already been given such a public airing, and so many responsible viewpoints have been advanced, that further comment at this stage would run the risk of redundancy. The general modus operandi has been agreed upon; only the details can give rise to discussion or dissent. But it does seem that the public is entitled to a statement showing just how far things have progressed during the past six months. The demands given weight and insistence in view of the published reports (not officially discredited) that government aims to introduce forms of direct taxation in the next financial year. Somebody (we feel more out of irony than ignorance) recently inquired who it was that originated the "no taxation without representation" tag. Government can rest quite assured that the letter represents general feelings. It may be that a large section of the community does not care two hoots either about taxation or constitutional reform. But if there has to be the one, it is certainly going to expect the other. Wherefore, we suggest that if government intends to introduce direct taxation, it will probably help its cause by previously offering a sweeter sop—a really up-to-the-minute, enticing statement on self-government.

## BEVIN URGES RATIFICATION OF TREATIES

### European Situation Reviewed

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE

London, Feb. 27.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, opening the Commons debate on foreign affairs to-day, said ratification of the peace treaties with the Axis satellites "will allow normality to return to their countries and relationships will be free to be developed on a much more rational basis."

Mr. Bevin said that when the treaties came into force, Britain would be able to withdraw her occupation troops and make them available "for productive work, for which they are sorely needed by this country." He said British forces in Venezia-Giulia alone totalled 45,000 men.

He declared that the situation of Italy and the satellites before entering the war was "most unenviable."

"The Balkan satellites had little choice but to give way under German pressure," Mr. Bevin declared. "In the case of Italy, I do not think that by any stretch of imagination one can say there was enthusiasm for war on Germany's side shown by the Italians."

Turning to reparations, Mr. Bevin said the devastation caused in Russia by invading German, Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian forces "is almost too dreadful to believe."

"Happily," he added, "we were not invaded, although bombed from the air. We did not suffer to the same extent from utter destruction as other countries."

He said he could "quite understand the feelings of the Soviet Union" in its demands for heavy reparations from Germany and the satellites.

#### TRIESTE PROBLEM

Reviewing the difficulties that preceded the Trieste settlement, Mr. Bevin told the House that the 1947 settlement did "great wrong" to Yugoslavia "in trying to put so many of the Slav population under Italian rule."

Despite stormy sessions at Paris and later, Mr. Bevin said that he personally "never has any doubt that Yugoslavia would sign the treaty."

"I feel quite certain she will ratify it... I have further confidence that she will join with Italy in working it," he stated.

The Minister quietly told the House that the goal had been the establishment of a free port of Trieste, not under the domination of any one power.

"There seems to be a lurking fear in these discussions in what is called the Slav group that our object was to use Trieste some day or other as a strategic base."

"That would be a stupid thing to do. It never occurred to me and there never was any intention on the part of the Government or, as far I know, of any other Western power to do any such thing," he said.

#### READY TO HELP

He congratulated the Italian government on its decision to sign the treaty and reaffirmed Britain's

willingness "to discuss any hardships arising out of its application." He said the Anglo-Italian discussions next month would consider "whether there should be any easing of Italy's financial commitments to us and how to improve our economic relations in future."  
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Three-candle-power shoe repair study which a photographer caught, showing how London is suffering as a result of the switch-off. The cobbler is Mr. Bert Turner of Brixton.

## Stalin Said Holding Up Anglo-French Pact

London, Feb. 27.  
British reports to-day claimed Generalissimo Stalin was holding up the signing of the Anglo-French treaty of alliance.

## Transport In Chaos

### Effect of Blizzards

London, Feb. 27.

Although London experienced the warmest night for almost a month last night with the thermometer never falling below freezing point, the severe blizzards which swept north-east England and Scotland during Tuesday night and yesterday have left transport conditions in the north chaotic.

Thirty-nine lines are blocked on the London and North Eastern Railway with further 10 partially blocked, while the main line to Scotland on the London, Midland and Scottish Railway is blocked by snow in Yorkshire, necessitating diversion of all London traffic.

Yorkshire—the worst hit of all counties by the last snowfall—also has 40 roads rendered impassable by snow. Many more roads in the north of England and Scotland are still blocked, although in Scotland the main roads have mostly been cleared by snow ploughs. Access to collieries in many districts is impossible and the weather is retarding the movement of coal and freight traffic.

#### THAW IN SOUTH

In central and north Wales it was still snowing this morning, but in the southern half of Great Britain the snow thaw continues and the majority of the main roads are reasonably clear.

An improvement in the flow of coal on the Great Western railways system was reported to-day. During the last 30 hours 7,000 tons of coal have reached one London gas company by ship. "We expect another collier this afternoon. Our coal stocks show definite improvement over the last fortnight," an official said.

The spokesman for the London owners of a large coastal shipping fleet told Reuter: "All our colliers are now operating normally. We do not anticipate the weather will cause further dislocation in the arrival of coal ships in the Thames."

London motor vessels succeeded to-day in their attempt to force a passage through a pack of ice blocking the river Yare at Reedham, Norfolk, but were held up again by a newly-formed iceblock two and a half miles from Great Yarmouth. The vessels are now moored at the river bank and a further shipping holdup of at least 48 hours seems likely. A tug has been unable to break through this ice.—Reuter.

## Cobbling By Candlelight

## TRIPLE ALLIANCE TALKS

### Britain, France And Russia

Paris, Feb. 27.

Premier Paul Ramadier to-day revealed that France, Russia and Britain were engaged in three-way negotiations which promised to link them soon in a triple alliance. Ramadier disclosed at a press conference that the negotiations among the Russians, British and French were interwoven into a single fabric with a view to a triple entente.

Government sources said despite British assurances, Stalin remained convinced that the almost constant Anglo-American front against Russia could not always be attributed to common interests alone.

Indicating that rebel Labourites might use the Palestine dispute as a springboard for a renewal of their attacks on Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's foreign policy, R. H. S. Crossman, leader of the rebel group, asserted in a newspaper article that the United States is "running a pro-Arab policy in the Middle East and a pro-Jewish policy at home."

Crossman was a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

In the meantime a Foreign Office spokesman refused to comment on the White House statement on the grounds that "we are reluctant to be drawn into a long controversy in this matter."

#### SECRET NEGOTIATIONS

The three nations were known to be negotiating secretly but hitherto the only clear objectives were the Anglo-French alliance and the revision of the Anglo-Soviet treaty. (London reports stated that it was learned Stalin personally intervened in efforts to delay the signing of the Anglo-French alliance.)

Ramadier said France's policy at Moscow was to act as a revisionist between other major powers. He said, "It will be possible to seek halfway positions of conciliation. As far as we are concerned, we shall try within the limits of our ability to create an atmosphere of agreement among nations."

Recalling that Britain and Russia had opened negotiations on revising and bringing up-to-date the Anglo-Soviet alliance at the same time as his veteran Socialist predecessor, Leon Blum, had started the ball rolling for the Anglo-French alliance, Ramadier added, "The Anglo-French alliance and the Soviet Union—similar obligations having equal value. There is every reason to hope the result will be achieved and the fact that it can be achieved will create henceforth a different atmosphere from that in which other conferences opened."—United Press.

#### RAMADIER OPTIMISTIC

Ramadier said, "The talks between London and Moscow have also gone on and they are undoubtedly covering the same problems as the Anglo-French negotiations. There is reason to hope that in the very near future the negotiations will result in treaties placing on all three powers—France, Britain and the Soviet Union—similar obligations having equal value. There is every reason to hope the result will be achieved and the fact that it can be achieved will create henceforth a different atmosphere from that in which other conferences opened."—United Press.

## Faint Signals Picked Up

Singapore, Feb. 27.

Planes searching for the Royal Air Force Dakota missing since yesterday morning with six passengers and four crew off the coast of Malaya reported to-day picking up faint signals believed to come from a RAF-type of rubber dinghy.

The search is continuing.

R.A.F. authorities in Hongkong this morning said they had received no additional information as to the fate of the missing Dakota.

## BRUCE WOODCOCK ILL

London, Feb. 27.

The British heavyweight champion, Bruce Woodcock, is ill in bed with influenza and bronchial catarrh, and will be unable to defend his European title against Stephen Olek, of France, at Manchester on Monday. The new date for the fight is March 17.

Woodcock's fight with the American, Joe Baski, arranged for Harringway, London, on March 25 may have to be postponed in view of the new date for the Manchester contest.

Baski's manager stated to-night that he was quite prepared to give Woodcock every chance to recover fully from his illness before he meets the American.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

## England Starts Disastrously

England made a disastrous start to her first innings in the fifth Test match which opened in Sydney this morning.

Washbrook, who went to the wicket with Hutton, was clean bowled by Lindwall in his first over for a "duck."

Edrich joined Hutton and both carefully watched the accurate Australian attack of Lindwall at one end and Miller the other.

After 15 minutes Hutton had scored three, Edrich one and there was one extra, making the score five for one wicket.—United Press.

Later.  
39 for 1. Hutton not out 25, Edrich not out 10; extras 4.—Reuter.

#### LUNCH SCORE

68 for 1. Hutton not out 40, Edrich not out 21; Extras 7.—Reuter.

## BRADMAN THROUGH WITH TEST CRICKET

Sydney, Feb. 27.

The fifth and final England-Australia Test match opening here to-morrow features the final appearances in Test cricket of two great batsmen, Don Bradman and Walter Hammond, captains of the Australian and English teams respectively. Both have indicated that they are through with Test cricket.

Five inches of rain in the past week saturated the wicket, which is now protectively covered. There is every prospect of the match being played with a sticky wicket, and therefore some experts favour the prospects of the English bowlers.

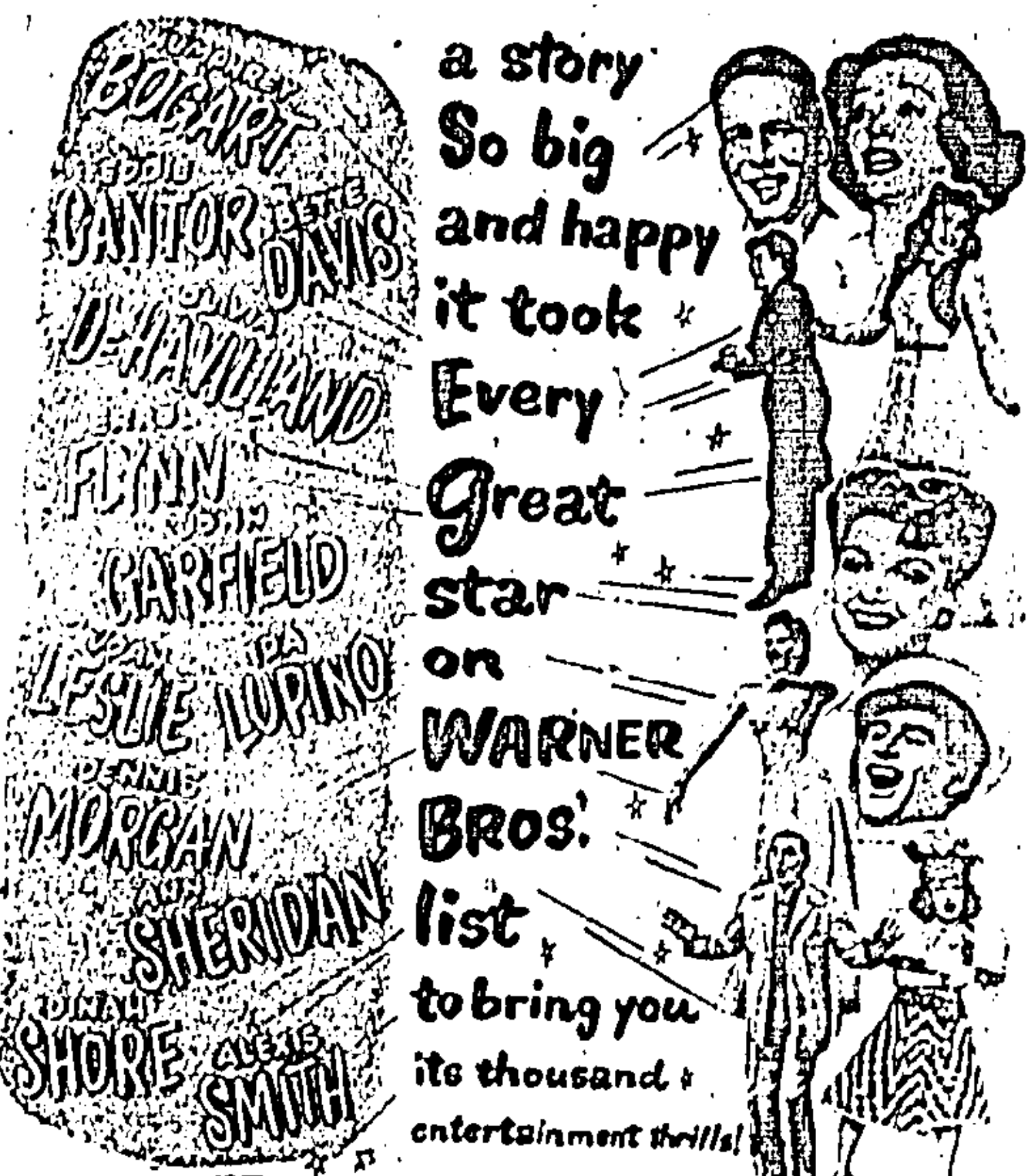
With the Ashes already won by Australia and nothing at stake but the honour of the final game, England's batsmen are expected to show improved form, with Denis Compton attempting to set a new record for the highest aggregate for an England player on the Australian tour.

Compton has achieved an aggregate 1,330 runs in 20 completed innings and requires 216 runs to beat Walter Hammond's 1,553 in the 1928-29 tour.

The England team: Walter Hammond, Denis Compton, William Edrich, Norman Yardley, Jack Ikin, Peter Smith, Alec Bedser, Tom Evans, Cyril Washbrook, Len Sturtton, Denis Wright, Laurence Fishlock.—United Press.



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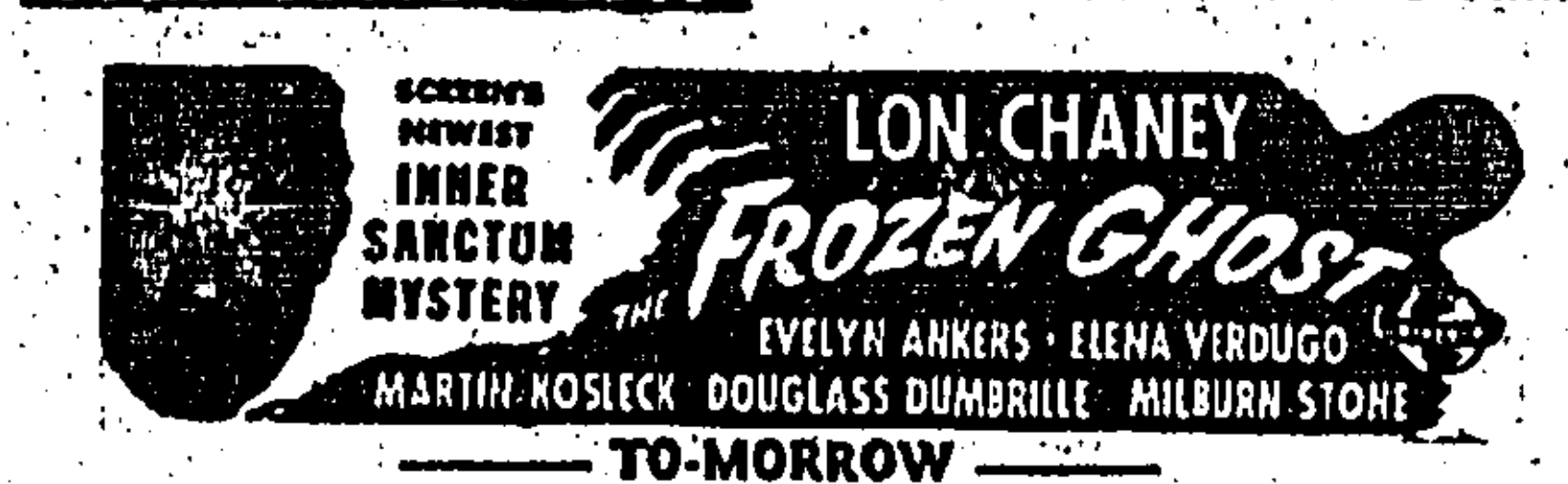


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## According To Culbertson

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Better technique, and anticipation of possible bad breaks, would have brought home the contract in today's deal.

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		WEST		EAST		SOUTH	
8	7 4 3	Q 9 5	J 8	Q 7 6 3	Q 5 2	A K J 10 6 2	A K 10 4
Q 6 2	A 6 3	Q J 10 8	K 10 7 4	K 10 5 4 2	J 7 8 6	A Q	

The bidding:  
East 1 spade 1 Pass 2 spades 3 Pass 4 spades 5 Pass 6 diamonds 7 Pass 8 (final bid)  
Blackwood Convention.

West opened the diamond queen. Declarer inspected the dummy, looked pleased with what he saw, then led a trump. He looked far less pleased when East failed to follow suit, discarding a diamond, but there was still a good chance for the contract. After cashing the two top trumps declarer laid down the heart ace, led to the heart queen and then back to the heart king. Obviously, he intended to state everything on the club finesse. West, however, ruffed the heart king and exited with a diamond, and later the club finesse lost. Down one!

Beyond question, South encountered a series of bad breaks, but if he had anticipated the worst and prepared for it, these breaks would have proved inconsequential. As a matter of pure technique the right second play (after taking the diamond ace) was to ruff a diamond. An over-ruff by West was unavoidable, and scarcely could have held an eight-card diamond suit without bidding it, non-vulnerable, at any time.

After ruffing this diamond it would be natural to lay down the trump king, and when the "bad news" came, South should also cash the spade ace. Then it would be completely logical to go to the heart queen and ruff dummy's last diamond, before laying down the ace and king of hearts. If West chose to ruff, let him—he would have to lead a club up to the A-Q. If he didn't ruff, he would be thrown in with the spade queen, for the same result.

## Rupert and Ninky—47



Entering the grounds, Rupert looks around for Ninky without success, but after a while he spies the tall figure of her father, the confuser, and he runs to show him the cloth donkey. "Please, can you tell what is wrong with Ninky?" he begs. "He's only made of mummy's curtains and cotton wool, but he seems to have some magic in him, because he jumps." The confuser looks solemn. "Magic, you say?" he murmurs. "That shall be proved. Come, we will go in and my cat shall tell us."

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## DANCING ROAD TO DEMOCRACY

By LESLIE NAKASHIMA

United Press Correspondent

TOKYO.—"Let's dance," said the Japanese boy. "I'm a hep cat."

"Okay," answered the Japanese girl. "I'm democratic, too."

You see, the idea sweeping Japan to-day is that rubeaters and jivers definitely are helping to put this country on the right track.

It is a fact that Western ballroom dancing, which Japanese militarists banned during wartime, is at present sweeping the nation because most Japanese consider dancing a short cut to "democratizing" Japan by smashing age-old traditions.

The scene between the Japanese boy and the Japanese girl took place at the Ginza Ballroom, and is being repeated daily and nightly throughout Tokyo and other large Japanese cities.

## EQUALITY OF WOMEN

The social editor of the Mainichi told the United Press: "Dancing is associated with the idea of democratizing Japan because Japanese women in general may now go to dance parties on equal terms with the men, whereas in the past women's activities had been restricted and they were considered good breeding for them to remain home."

"In prewar days, men went to dance halls and danced with taxi-dancers, whose moral status the Japanese generally discounted. Dancing also was participated in

socially only among the wealthier class of Japanese. Now, however, under the new constitution effective on May 3, women have been granted equal rights with men. From that consideration, most Japanese, including men, think the adoption of dancing one of the most tangible and quickest ways of demonstrating the new democracy in Japan."

He added that many people also thought that dancing helped to "democratize" Japan because it meant "democracy" as against the dancing ban ordered by the militarists.

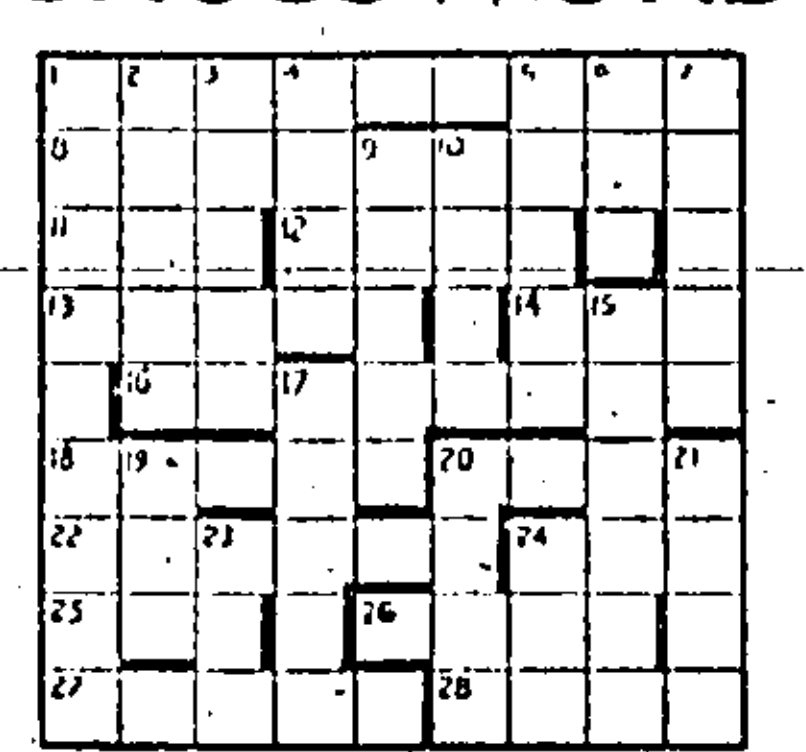
A veteran newspaperman, however, attributed the dancing craze to naive Japanese thinking, that adoption of dancing contributed to "democratizing" Japan simply because dancing was popular in America, and the "adoption" of anything American would be democratic. He added, "It is the same psychology behind the almost-frantic desire to learn to speak the English language, because of the occupation forces here."

## MORAL LEVEL

One of Tokyo's leading newspapers carried a photograph of high school girls learning dancing, with the caption: "Democracy starts with dancing," because formerly dancing was undreamed of as part of the curriculum of a girls' high school. An Education Ministry official told the United Press: "The Ministry has not yet reached a decision regarding the adoption of dancing in schools, but some private schools apparently viewpoint of promoting social training and health—viewing dancing as a form of sports. We are not yet ready to comment whether dancing has anything to do with democracy."

Conservative Japanese said there were some elements among the Japanese who feared this sudden emancipation of Japanese women, as displayed in the form of the dancing craze, might result in lowering the women's moral level.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. No free grip to the property (10)  
4. Ma, next, sir! (anagram, 9)  
11. It's that space again. (3)  
12. The silly ass! (4)  
13. A broken cleat. (5)  
14. The age of veracity. (3)  
16. You may be told by a late form. (8)  
18. Let's hope it will soon be pointed. (5)  
20. Peaceful sort of bird to have. (4)  
22. Festival. (7)  
23. Make your offer. (3)  
24. James Agate has produced more than one. (12)  
25. Vegetable from the Caribbean (5)  
27. French street in a French port. (5)  
28. The sailor's bird? (4)

Down  
1. Drink in rebel (5, 4)  
2. Correct for the Treasury to do so. (10)  
3. Much trouble here will enough. (5)  
4. A broken date. (4)  
5. An aquatic carnivore. (5)  
6. Here we have an understanding. (3)  
7. You may experience it when the sub-conscious is working. (5)  
8. See that is not young Edward. (5)  
9. Let's for a while. (5)  
10. Ivan gets upset by the surrounding papers. (6)  
15. The same in French and English, jointly a machine. (6)  
19. Taster. (5)  
20. Attracted. (4)  
21. Did he witness the original sin? (5)  
23. Money to start a southern tour. (3)  
24. Where you may expect to hear raps for pints. (9)  
26. Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Battered. 2. Adversely. 3. Bitter. 4. Feet. 5. Head. 6. Pottery. 7. Aural. 8. Ten. 9. Crop. 10. Krump. 11. Ever. 12. Mail. 13. L.A.S. 14. Determine. 15. Down: 1. Backpacked. 2. Refuted. 3. Home. 4. Enraged. 5. Felt. 6. Humiliate. 7. Tie. 8. Apple. 9. Broom. 10. Lurcher. 11. House. 12. Breat. 13. Bum.

Only a charwoman greeted Suet. She asked him if he was the new night-watchman, and if so could he please take his ugly great feet off her clean floor. Suet apologized and settled down to wait, amusing himself by going over the sketches for his container. At 11.45 he was asleep. At 12.30 a young man put his head in at the door of the waiting room and said, "Are you Mr. Collette?" At 1 p.m. a chocky boy said the Minister's secretary had gone out to lunch.

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At 3.15 p.m. Suet was sent for by a prim little woman with a bad cold. "Isht about ve-these ferg-

BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

C. SUET, ESQ., sprang lightly from his bed shortly after dawn, for the great day had arrived. His plan for manufacturing foghorn containers was to be put into execution, and by eight o'clock he was on his way to the Ministry of Bubbleblowing, confident that this time he would find things moving more smoothly, since the great Torchbrass, as a reward for his failure, had been created a Labour peer, and now sat in the House of Lords as Lord Torchbrass.

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herds-sh-ve-shsh?" she asked. Suet explained that he was not concerned with the horns themselves; but only with the containers. With many sounds like heavy feet struggling through slush, the lady asked him what was the use of the container without the horn? "The container," said Suet, "will contain the horn." The lady sneezed five times, and then said that she had understood he was not making any horns. "That's correct," said Suet, "but the makers of horns will need my containers." "What herds smersh snsh?" asked the lady. Suet laid his finger along his upper lip and blew down his nose. "Foghorns," he said quietly. "If I thought-d-d-yeu said snsh cod-dolders-smersh-ve-shsh," said the lady.

## Torquay goes wild

TORQUAY TOWN COUNCIL, the first in England to use asbestos inkstands, has removed the ban on racing news in the public library. Since 1907 all racing news had been cut out of the newspapers supplied, so that those who went to the library to study Assyrian pottery or to read Tennyson should not be contaminated. A proposal of mine, when I was Chairman, to substitute the word animal for horse in the library newspapers, was defeated by a narrow margin. That Mrs Wowie then came

## AN AMERICAN REPORT:

## CHINA IS A SICK COUNTRY . . . . . By

John Graham DOWLING

Correspondent of the Chicago Sun, who spent the past 18 months in China

LAST month marked the beginning of the American military withdrawal from China, an affair of ill-will and bad grace, despite official pronouncements. It marked also for China the loss, in a certain degree, of her most practical friend United States.

It marked the end of two years of effort to bring peace and unity to China through the mediation of American officers and officials—a mediation that was not wanted except for the candy that went with it.

It marked failure for the American Mission in China, and admission of failure. And it marked the failure of China to set her house in order.

CHINA to-day, in the opinion of many observers, is in worse condition than she was at any period during the war against Japan. Having had the leadership of the Far East within her grasp, and a position of respect among the world's great nations assured, China's leaders have chosen to march backward in time, dragging China's reluctant millions with them down the road that leads to war and chaos, misery and political, social and economic disaster.

China, to-day, is one of the sickest countries in the world. The reason is basic and simple. Two parties, each at the opposite extremes of the name social evil and each flagrant in its misdeeds, are bitterly engaged in an old quarrel that is more concerned with the personal fortunes and ambitions of a chosen few than it is with the welfare of the state or the destinies of hundreds of millions suffering inhabitants. The secret, of course, is that each of these parties—the Fascist Kuomintang and the Soviet Communists—has an army, while the true, intelligent and patriotic Chinese, of whom there are many, do not have an army and are, therefore, politically nullified.

The reactionary Kuomintang would achieve its ends, the literal extermination of the Chinese Communist question and the annihilation of the national budgets being poured into military channels.

THIS military elimination of the Chinese Communists might have been achieved were it not for the fact that, by accident or design, vast quantities of Japanese war equipment fell into Communist hands at the end of the war.

For their part, fanatical Communists would break the back of the Kuomintang economically by retaining their stranglehold on China's inland communications. That this stranglehold at the same time causes untold suffering and incalculable harm to the people and the nation as a whole worries the Communist conscience not one bit as the one-track party line aims for a dead China.

Against this medieval background of organized ignorance and intolerance, China, because of her geographical position as well as because of her untapped wealth and her social circumstances, became the political testing ground of the two great ideologies that survived the recent war—Democracy and Soviet Socialism—as represented by their two leading exponents, the United States and Russia.

The Soviets, after stripping Manchuria of the equipment which would have industrialized China, adopted a policy of watchful waiting; while Chinese Communists did their work for them, and their agents sniped at the borders of China, "autonomous" states all the way from Manchuria through Inner Mongolia to Sinkiang province.

THE bubble of China was about to burst. The appointment of Marshall as Secretary of State sent a chill of apprehension through straight-thinking China since they knew that no one was more aware of the true state of affairs in China than he.

They were right. Marshall's first move was to stop huge American loans from being poured into the Chinese funnel.

His next, and to the Chinese most unpleasant, move was to order the withdrawal of all American troops from China—a move somewhat tantamount to withdrawing the police force from a large city.

What will now happen to the Chinese "on their own?" is a prospect not pleasant to contemplate in the opinion of most observers. One thing, however, is certain.

The American "bonanza" in China is over and the Chinese "bonanza" with the C.S.—the initials of which stand for "Uncle Sucker" as well as for "Uncle Sam," depending upon your outlook on life—is also over.

The position now is, the Government against the Communists, a fairly even match since what the Communists lack in equipment they make up for in fanaticism and leadership aided by favourable terrain, and what superiority the Nationalists obtain in equipment is being daily worn away due to lack of maintenance, losses in action, corruption, and the attendant evils of a feudal system.

IT is the opinion of the highest American military observers that neither Nationalists nor Communists can win decisive victory on the battlefield. They note also that while Nationalist generals play soldier, the enemy plays a far more subtle game.

And either way the only people who suffer the true agony and the true loss of the fruits of victory against the Japanese are the bulk of the Chinese people, who want neither the Kuomintang nor the Communists, nor the foreigners, but want only a portion of the four freedoms—freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

They have none of these—and no immediate prospect of getting any of them. They have fear to north, abandonment to the east, distrust to the south and the Himalayas to the west.

The Chinese are a sick people.

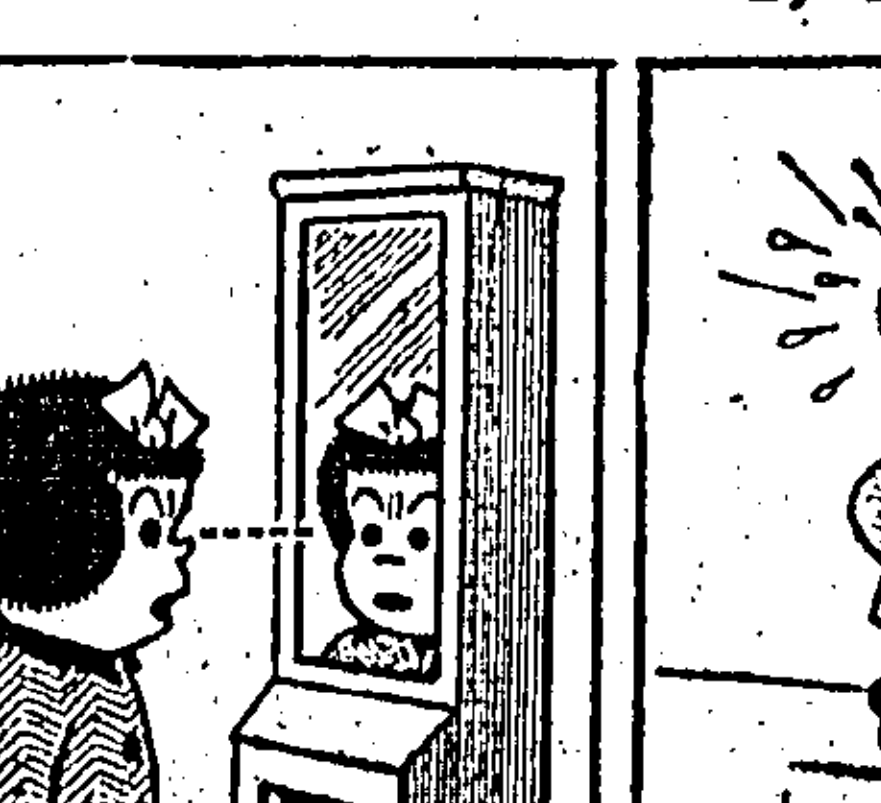
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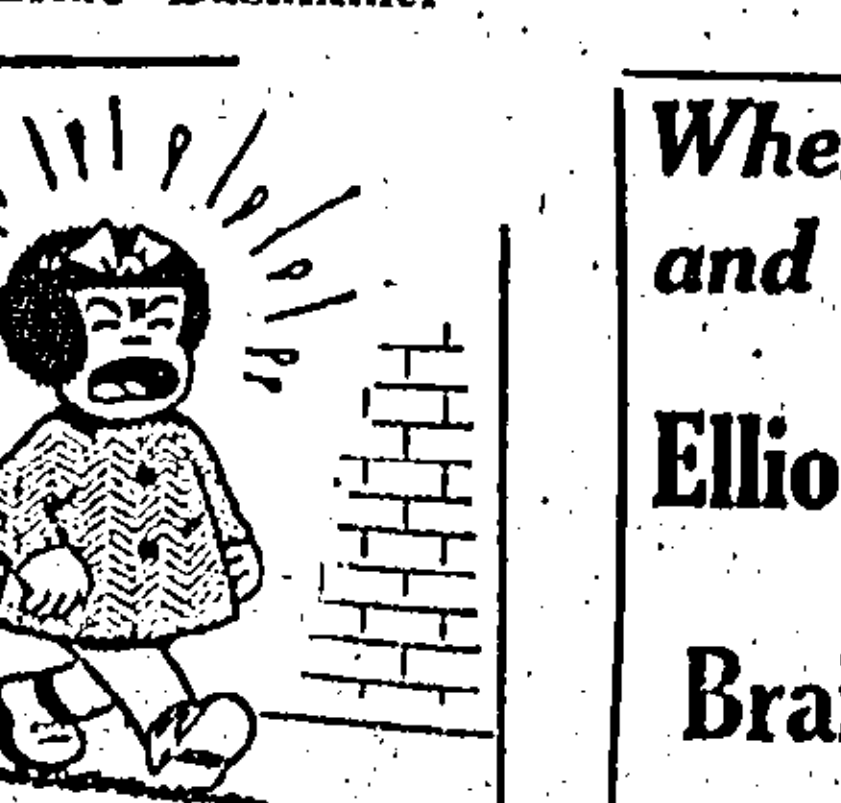
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## Pearl Harbour Dock Fire

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 27. All available army, navy and marine firefighting equipment was rushed to-day to Pearl Harbour to combat a fire roaring along the quarter-mile wooden dock.

Seven firefighting tugs rushed to the scene, which was on the submarine side of the naval base.

The oil-soaked dock was a raging inferno in a few minutes. A pall of smoke overhung the navy yard.—Associated Press.

## KNOWLEDGE OF POLAR REGIONS

### CANADA INVITES CO-OPERATION

New York, Feb. 27. Louis Saint Laurent, Canadian External Affairs Minister, invites the Soviet Union and other members of the United Nations to participate with Canada and the United States in "development of knowledge" about the North Polar regions.

In a speech to the Rotary Club of New York, Saint Laurent said: "I see no reason why within the framework of the United Nations there should not be created facilities for the development of knowledge about the northern areas on the widest possible basis."

"I have no hesitation in saying that my country would be happy to co-operate in such an enterprise provided it were established upon proper basis of reciprocity. We are already exchanging meteorological information upon reciprocal basis with our Russian neighbours. Why not extend the practice to other useful information?"

**RUSSIAN PRESS CRITICISED**  
He criticised the Russian press for "false and misleading statements" about United States-Canadian activities in the far north.

He denied that polar military bases had been given the United States.

Saint Laurent said anyone was free to go into Canada's northland. He said they would find less than 100 American soldiers at a small scientific observation post at Fort Churchill, in Manitoba.—Associated Press.

## U.S. AIR PACT WITH SIAM

Washington, Feb. 27. The State Department announced to-day that the United States had signed an air transport agreement with Siam.

The pact is similar to the agreements previously signed with 20 other countries in efforts to establish round-the-world American air routes.

The Siam pact permits American aerial operations through Bangkok in both directions—to Saigon and beyond to China, to the Philippines and across the Pacific to the United States.

Siamese airlines are authorised to extend services to Los Angeles via Honolulu.—Associated Press.

## Korean Denies Moscow Tale

Washington, Feb. 27. Dr Syngman Rhee to-day denied a Moscow report that he came to the United States to obtain arms for a military campaign against the Communists in north Korea.

Dr Rhee, who is chairman of the South Korean Democratic League, said the report, published by the Soviet trade union paper, Trud, is "obviously a Russian smokescreen for what they are doing in north Korea."—Associated Press.

## Dangerous Burma Lawlessness

Rangoon, Feb. 27. Sir Arthur Bruce, chairman of the Burma Chamber of Commerce, said to-day that lawlessness in the country was going from "bad to worse" and Burma's future would be endangered unless strong measures were taken to bring the situation under control.

Addressing the Chamber's annual general meeting, he said also that the public was "completely and dangerously ignorant" of the country's financial situation. He urged publication of the budget to inform the people.

The audience included Governor Sir Hubert Rance and U Aung Sang, deputy chairman of the Executive Committee.—Associated Press.

## AGED ACTOR DEAD

Los Angeles, Feb. 27. Ben Webster, for over 50 years a leading actor on the London and New York stages and husband of the film actress, Dama May White, died here yesterday, aged 82. His wife was at his bedside.—Associated Press.

## Church Supporting Spanish Falangists

Rome, Feb. 27. Julio Alvarez del Vayo, former Spanish Republican Foreign Minister, to-day charged the Church in Spain "has always supported Franco and still to-day cannot repair this voluntary error."

Del Vayo, who is now in Rome as correspondent of the American weekly, The Nation, said in an interview in the newspaper Avanti that opposition against Franco in Spain is "almost general, and the only elements which support him inside Spain are generally the Church and the Army, especially the latter two."

## COLONEL HELD BY SCAP IN JEWEL CASE

Yokohama, Feb. 28. The Eighth Army headquarters announced yesterday that a special investigating officer, designated by the U.S. Army, will shift the evidence against Col Edward J. Murray—previously charged with the custody of SCAP-held jewels in the Bank of Japan and recently caught possessing \$200,000 worth of diamonds from the bank's vaults.

The charges include misappropriation of property, conduct unbecoming to an officer and conduct prejudicial to the service.

The Army said when investigation is completed a full report will be made to Lt-Gen Robert L. Eichelberger, commanding general of the occupation army.

Murray, who arrived by plane on February 18, is now held in the Eighth Army stockade.—United Press.

## ETNA LAVA DIVERTED

Rome, Feb. 27. The white hot stream of lava oozing from a fissure on the northern slope of Mount Etna in Sicily, which has been in violent eruption for three days, is not at present menacing any villages, according to a report from the correspondent of the Italian News Agency, who flew over the volcano yesterday evening.

The correspondent did not mention the fate of Cisterna, evacuated yesterday, as the white hot tide flowed down on it.

The lava appeared to have been diverted from its general line of advance missing the village of Passetto, two miles due north of Cisterna, the correspondent said.—Reuter.

## Against Paying Athletes

Chicago, Feb. 27. Mr Avery Brundage, president of the U.S. Olympic Association, to-day declared that the Association had rejected a proposal that amateur Olympic athletes be allowed to collect "broken time" pay equivalent to wages lost while competing as amateurs.

He said the U.S. Association "never will yield its stand against payments of any kind to Olympic athletes or against Olympic participation by athletes who compete with professionalism."

The ruling concerns a request that ice hockey "amateurs" be allowed "broken time" pay for time lost from work.—United Press.

## FRENCH SWIMMER FOR AMERICA

Toulouse, Feb. 27. Alex Jany, French swimming champion and holder of many European and world records, is to visit the United States to compete in the swimming championships at Columbus, Ohio, on April 4 and 5, according to an announcement by the French Swimming Federation to-day.—Reuter.

## NOT SO SERIOUS

Basle, Feb. 27. Mrs Churchill arrived at Basle to-day to visit her daughter Mary, who with her husband, Captain Christopher Soames, is spending her honeymoon at St Moritz.

It is understood that Captain Soames is suffering from a slight cold and under observation for stomach trouble, from which he suffered during the war.

He is not, however, confined to bed.—Reuter.

## Rugger International Postponed

London, Feb. 27. The Rugby League International match between England and France to be played at Huddersley, Leeds, on March 8 has been postponed owing to the frozen state of the ground.

The suggested new date is Wednesday, April 16.—Reuter.

## Declines to Watch Bullfight

Washington, Feb. 27. President Truman has declined to see a bullfight during his forthcoming visit to Mexico. The White House made this clear to-day in reply to reporters' questions concerning the visit, which starts on March 3.—Reuter.

"Error of the Church," del Vayo said, "lay in the fact that it gambled everything in Spain on only one—the Falangist card. It did not profit from its long experience of the double game with which it succeeded in getting along during the civil wars of the 19th century between Carlists and Liberals when priests were on both sides. But to-day they are all on the side of Franco, especially the ecclesiastical hierarchy closely attached to the policy of the Vatican."

Del Vayo said a great occasion for getting rid of Franco was lost by the Anglo-Saxon powers two weeks after the San Francisco conference when Franco was "disposed to leave." He added that immediately after the conference, Franco knew that "condemnation of his regime was only verbal."

"It was then that Franco began to play with the Allies and set himself the political objective of becoming 'ally of the Allies' for an action against the Soviet Union," del Vayo said. He added that indirect support for Franco came from the Anglo-Saxon policy which he called "more anarchic than conservative."

**Exiles Not United**  
Del Vayo said Spanish Republicans in exile were not united and that this helped Franco's regime. However, he added, there is a "spirit of resistance" loyal to the "ideals of the Spanish war for a continued fight against Franco and for the re-establishment of the republic."

Spanish Republican resistance, del Vayo said, was compromising and rejected firmly every monarchical solution. He added that it would be doubly grotesque if the magnificent Spanish Republican epic should be concluded with the return of Don Juan to the throne.—United Press.

## BEVIN URGES RATIFICATION

(Continued from Page 1)

"We are anxious to restore old connections which should be valuable to Italy and ourselves and I do not limit this to Italy. We want to establish our trade with all Mediterranean countries which have suffered so much as a result of this war."

Mr Bevin turned next to the Danube question and reiterated that "we desire to keep it open for all states on a footing of equality." Further, he said that he hoped to see the waters utilised by neighbouring countries for international electric power development.

Turning to the forthcoming Moscow meeting of the Foreign Ministers Council, Mr Bevin said: "The agenda facing us is a difficult one." He said the "voluntarism" report of the Allied Control Council in Berlin "makes it clear how great is the task of dealing with a country like Germany which has been devastated by war."

**MINISTER'S OBSESSION**  
"We cannot afford to have 60,000,000 forming a depressed area in the centre of Europe. It may drag down the standards of other countries and may well prevent the recovery of many other countries."

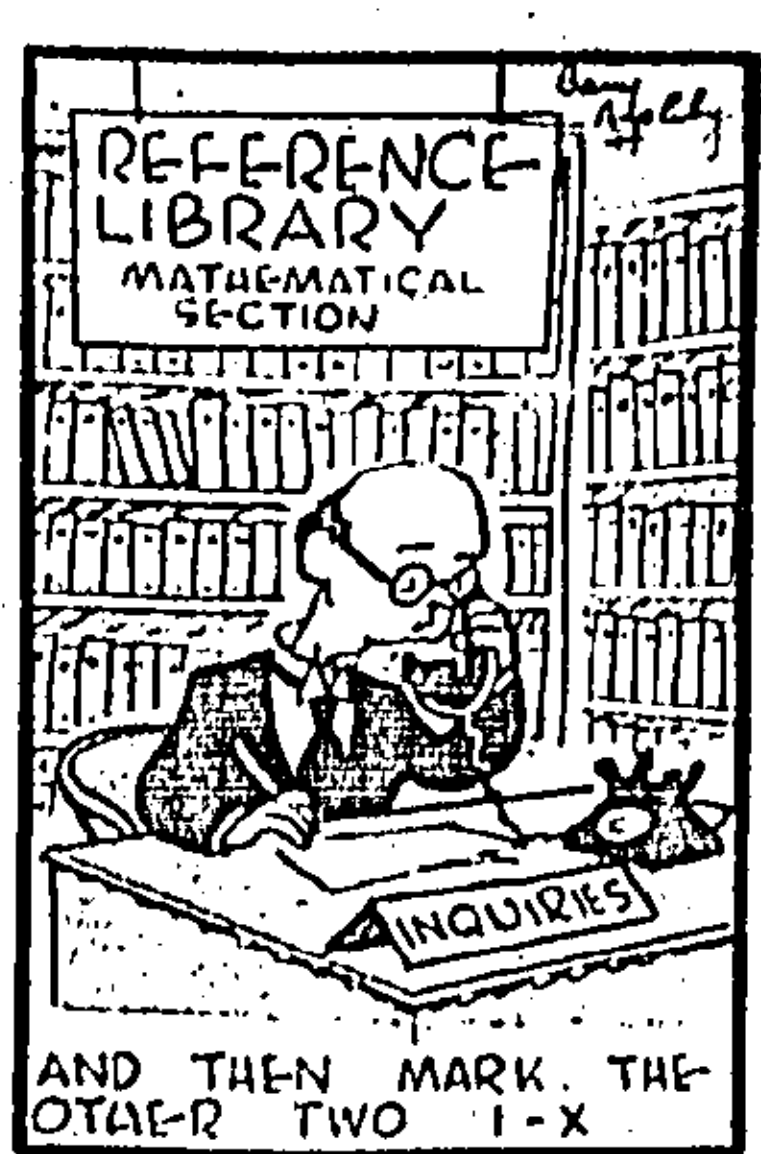
"On the other hand, we have got to provide for the security of Europe. I am not sure yet, even after two years, whether the Germans really recognise the benefits of peace and the stupidity of war."

"They have got to learn it, either by implication or in some way, because while there is a lot of talk going about the Western and Eastern powers, I am obsessed more than anything else by these major powers having differences and the result of these differences being the resurgence of Germany."—United Press.

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## POCKET CARTOON



## ATOM BOMB AIR FORCE CALLED FOR

Austin, Texas, Feb. 27. General Jonathan Wainwright, commanding the Fourth Army, recommended to-day creation of an atomic bomb air force and universal military training for sound national security.

Wainwright told a joint session of the Texas legislature that the best way of ensuring United States security would be to build quickly 10 or more monstrous airplanes and keep a stockpile of atomic bombs on hand.

He said the bombers should be large enough to fly anywhere on earth with a full load of bombs and back again. Wainwright said at present there are only three major powers in the world, one of which "is in a state of partial disintegration and the other might become aggressor. The decline of one will leave us to face this menace alone."—Associated Press.

**Soames Illness Said Slight**  
St. Moritz, Feb. 27. Mrs Winston Churchill arrived at St. Moritz by rail late to-day to visit her daughter, Mrs Christopher Soames, who is on her honeymoon. Mrs Soames, formerly Miss Mary Churchill, met her mother at the station alone. Her husband went to a doctor's office while his wife went to the station.

Attendants at the couple's hotel said Captain Soames had suffered "a slight" illness last week-end, which was attributed to ulcers.—Associated Press.

## DAUGHTER FOR MR NOEL BOOKER

A daughter was born at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, on Feb. 19, to Mrs Booker, wife of Mr Noel Booker, son of Supt Booker of the Hongkong Police. Noel Booker studied at the Central British School here, and after graduation joined the staff of Jardine, Matheson and Co. He was transferred to Shanghai after the Pacific War.

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## Bizarre Welcome For King

On Board The Royal Train, Feb. 27.

Witch doctors of the Hosa tribe, black dancers in leopard skins and Bantu hymn singers arrayed themselves exuberantly before the Royal Family to-day in New Brighton, a suburb of Port Elizabeth with a progressive native housing scheme.

The Royal Family drove past medicine men and women whose faces, chests, arms and legs were stained in the traditional tribal fashion and whose bodies were adorned with skins, feathers and beads and surmounted with huge headdresses. Several, including women, smoked big pipes.

Leaping, chanting, beating drums, and brandishing spears, the bizarre figures excited themselves furiously when Their Majesties appeared. Here and there a single native wrapped in animal skin rose from the throng flapping his arms and legs in grotesque fashion.

In sharp contrast were the Bantu palm singers, many of them elderly and wearing grizzled beards. They all slowly waved palm branches as they stood in front of the Bantu Church of Christ.—Associated Press.

## Police Reserve Orders

Hong Kong Police Reserve Order No. 2 of 1947

**DRILL PARADES**  
All ranks of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies will attend Murray Parade Ground, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 3rd, 5th, and 7th March, 1947, at 17.30 hours for Drill Parades. Dress—Uniform.

**NO. 2 COMPANY**  
Leave. The undermentioned have been granted sick leave—L.S.R. 107 Lo G Hin from 23rd February, 1947, to 7th March, 1947 inclusive; P.C.H. 128 Chu Man Yui from 20th February, 1947 to 2nd March, 1947 inclusive; P.C.H. 123 Tam Hock Hung from 25th February, 1947 to 28th February, 1947 inclusive.

Sgd. T. O. TSO, Senior Superintendent of Police, (Reserve).

**DEATH**  
HUMJAIN-USUP Humjain, age 82, at his residence, 4 Seymour Road, on February 27, 1947, at 11.15 a.m. Funeral on Friday, February 28, at 4.15 p.m., at Monument 518 p.m. No flowers by request. (Liverpool, Shanghai and Tientsin papers please copy).

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